

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for extracting tannin from a plant resource with a lower alcohol or a lower alcohol/aqueous solvent.
2. A method for extracting tannin according to claim 1, wherein the lower alcohol is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, and a mixture thereof.
3. A method for extracting tannin according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the lower alcohol/aqueous solvent is a mixed solvent having a mixing ratio between lower alcohol and water of 99 : 1 to 50 : 50.
4. A method for extracting tannin according to claim 1, wherein the plant resource is selected from the group consisting of mangrove, acacia, pine, larch, eucalyptus, oak, and Japanese hemlock.
5. A method for extracting tannin according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein an extraction temperature is 0 to 100°C and preferably in the range 15 to 65°C.
6. Tannin obtained by the extraction method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5.
7. An adhesive or a binder comprising tannin as one of the constituents obtained by the extraction method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5.
8. A composition for a molding containing tannin obtained by the extraction method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5.
9. A method for producing tannin, comprising the steps of: separating radiata pine (*Pinus radiata*) bark into an outer bark and an inner bark; and extracting only the outer bark as a source material.
10. A method for producing tannin according to claim 9, comprising the steps of: subjecting a block-shaped outer bark and a fiber-shaped inner bark, obtained by treating the radiata pine (*Pinus radiata*) bark with a shredder or the like, to a pneumatic force, a

screen, or the like, thereby separating the outer bark from the inner bark; grinding the separated outer bark; and extracting tannin from the obtained ground substance as a material, with lower alcohol or a mixed solvent of lower alcohol/water.

11. A method for producing tannin according to claim 9, wherein a water content of the radiata pine (*Pinus radiata*) bark before or during separation with a pneumatic force or a screen is 20% or more.

12. Tannin comprises an outer bark of radiata pine (*Pinus radiata*) bark as a source material.

13. An adhesive or a binder for wood is made of tannin containing an outer bark of radiata pine (*Pinus radiata*) bark as a material.